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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

REF.: (A) STATE 032517; (B) CANBERRA 0773

1. SUMMARY: REVISED ITINERARY FOR DEPSEC VISIT TO
PORT MORESBY GIVEN BELOW. SUBJECT OF PEACE CORPS IN
PNG WILL BE COVERED IN SEPTTEL. ACTION REQUESTED:
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF:

A. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR PARTY TO HAVE LUNCHEON
ABOARD AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN PORT MORESBY, AND

B. IF DEPSEC WILLING TO MEET WITH JOURNALISTS
AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH PNG OFFICIALS LATE AFTERNOON
FEB 28. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS MET WITH PNG COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA
OALA OALA-RARUA AND PERMANENT HEAD PNG DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONROY IN CANBERRA FEB 20. THE
FOLLOWING IS UPDATED VERSION OF PROPOSED ITINERARY
REFLECTING CHANGE IN ARRIVAL TIME OF RUSH PARTY FROM
MARCH 1 TO FEB 28:

THURSDAY, FEB 28 - ARRIVE 1:00 P.M. TO BE MET AT
AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERT MAORI KIKI. BECAUSE
PNG HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CONVENES FOR FIRST 1974 SESSION
AT 2:00 P.M. THAT DAY, BOTH HICOM JOHNSON AND CHIEF MINISTER
SOMARE WILL BE ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE HOUSE OF
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ASSEMBLY OPENING WHEN YOU ARRIVE. WE UNDERSTAND HOWEVER

FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE PARTY IS BEING MOVED FROM AIRPORT TO ACCOMMODATIONS IN PORT MORESBY. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT PARTY HAVE LUNCHEON ABOARD AIRPLANE BEFORE ARRIVAL IN PORT MORESBY IN ORDER TO MAKE ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS EASIER.

2:30 P.M. - PRINCIPALS IN PARTY TO BE TAKEN TO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO OBSERVE SESSION OF HOUSE AS GUESTS OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, BARRY HOLLOWAY (EXPATRIATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT).

3:00 P.M. - DEPART HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FOR OFFICE OF FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI. PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN PRINCIPALS OF RUSH PARTY AND FOREIGN MINISTER DURING WHICH GIFTS CAN BE EXCHANGED (SEE BELOW). SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS MIGHT BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

3:30 P.M. - PARTY WOULD MOVE TO LARGER CONFERENCE ROOM TO MEET WITH OTHER PNG MINISTERS AND SELECT MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS.

4:30 P.M.. - DEPSEC IS INVITED TO MEET LOCAL JOURNALISTS IF HE IS WILLING TO DO SO. THERE ARE NUMBER OF NEWSMEN REPRESENTING AUSTRALIAN PAPERS RESIDENT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS WELL AS HANDFUL OF LOCAL JOURNALISTS INCLUDING CORRESPONDENTS FROM PNG NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SHORT SESSION WITH PRESS MIGHT BE USEFUL IF DEP SEC WILLING.

5:00 TO 6:00 P.M. - REST PERIOD.

6:00 TO 7:30 P.M. - RECEPTION FOR DEPSEC AND MRS. RUSH, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GREEN, SEVEN PRINCIPALS IN PARTY, AND COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT, HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI AT GATEWAY MOTEL.

AT SAME TIME, OFFICERS OF DFA WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF DEPSEC PARTY AT ANOTHER LOCATION.

7:30 P.M. - SMALL DINNER PARTY FOR DEPSEC AND MRS. RUSH AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GREEN ONLY AT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE HOSTED BY HICOM JOHNSON. LOCAL GUESTS WILL BE PRESENT.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 - DEPART PORT MORESBY FOR CANBERRA 6:30 A.M.

3. GIFTS: CONROY REITERATED APPROVAL OF GIFTS OF SET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BOOKS AS DESCRIBED PARA 7, REF A. HE ALSO INDICATED ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE FOR MOVEMENT OF BOOKS FROM AIRCRAFT TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE FOR PRESENTATION CEREMONY DURING 3:00 TO 3:30 P.M. MEETING. CONROY STATED RETURN GIFT WOULD BE BURNISHED COPPER TRAY FEATURING PAPUA NEW GUINEA SYMBOLS.

4. JOINT COMMUNIQUE: DRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL NOT

BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FEB 23 LOCAL TIME. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT
AS SOON AS RECEIVED TO DEPSEC PARTY. SUGGEST PARAGRAPHS
FOR INSERTION IN TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE RELATING TO: (A) CU PROGRAM
(PARA 4, REF A) AND (B) ON OPENING OF U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL
BE DRAFTED IN ADVANCE OF YOUR RECEIPT COMMUNIQUE TEXT.

5. SUBJECT OF U.S. AID: EMBASSY SCHEDULED TO RAISE
POSSIBLE USE OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO MEET SOME OF
TEACHING NEEDS IN PNG WITH GOA OFFICIALS FEB 21.

6. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT ANY CHANGES TO ITINERARY GIVEN ABOVE
AS RECEIVED FROM PNG GOVERNMENT.
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